

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 12, line 10, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- Figure 1 shows the nucleotide sequence (nucleotides 1750 to 2400 of SEQ ID NO: 1) of the upstream region of the tissue plasminogen activator locus in the vicinity of the -7351 C/T polymorphism. The nucleotide sequence coordinates are based on GenBank Accession No. Z48484. The position of the C/T polymorphism at nucleotide 2228 is shown in bold. Positions of Consensus primer (SEQ ID No. 2; nucleotides 1840-1860), WT primer (SEQ ID No. 3; nucleotides 2245-2228) and SNP primer (SEQ ID No. 4; nucleotides 2245-2228) are also shown.--

On page 58, line 20, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- The sequence of the two positive control primers coding for a 600bp fragment of the HLA-DRB3 gene is as follows:

Forward (sense) primer (SEQ ID NO: 5):                    5'-TGCCAAGTGGAGCACCCAA-3'

Reverse (anti-sense) primer (SEQ ID NO: 6):            5'-GCATCTTGCTCTGTGCAGAT-3'--